

Amendments to the Specification:

Please delete the paragraphs beginning at page 1, line 1, which starts with "This application claims priority from the following U.S. Provisional Patent Applications"

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Please add the following new paragraph at page 1, line 1:

"This application is a divisional (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 10/157,354, filed May 28, 2002, which is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 09/715,945, filed November 16, 2000. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application, and which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No.60/165,863, entitled "Improvements for an Optical NxN Switch," filed November 16, 1999; U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/168,291, entitled "Scanner Improvements for an Optical NxN Switch," filed December 10, 1999; U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/183,246, entitled "Arrangements for Dense Mirror Deflector Arrays," filed February 17, 2000; U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/183,117, entitled "Arrangements for Sensors and Electrodes," filed February 17, 2000; U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/203,617, entitled "Packaging Arrangement for Fiber Optic Switch," filed May 11, 2000; and U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/207,752, entitled "Integrated Deflection Structures with SOI Mirrors," filed May 30, 2000."